#### **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners September 19, 2016 1101 Oberlin Road Raleigh, NC 27605

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Michael H. Womble, CPA, President; Jeffrey J. Truitt, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer; Murchison ("Bo") Biggs, CPA; Cynthia B. Brown, CPA; Justin C. Burgess; and L. Samuel Williams, Jr., CPA.

**STAFF ATTENDING:** Robert N. Brooks, Executive Director; David R. Nance, CPA, Deputy Director; Frank Trainor, Esq., Staff Attorney; Lisa R. Hearne, Communications Manager; Jean Marie Small, Professional Standards Specialist; Buck Winslow; Licensing Manager; and Noel L. Allen, Esq., Legal Counsel.

**GUESTS:** Sharon Bryson, CEO, NCACPA; Mark Soticheck, CPA, COO, NCACPA; Amanda Davis, Director of Learning and Development, NCACPA; and Officer K.C. Min, Raleigh Police Department.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Womble called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the August 22, 2016, meeting were approved as submitted.

**FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY ITEMS:** The August 2016 financial statements were accepted as submitted.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** Ms. Brown and Mr. Biggs moved to have a meeting in Greensboro on January 14, 2017, to discuss and review the Board's strategic plan. The Board approved the motion.

**LEGISLATIVE AND RULE-MAKING ITEMS**: The Board reviewed and discussed the rules and instructed the Executive Staff to present the rules for a vote at the October 2016 meeting.

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS:** Mr. Williams and Ms. Brown moved and the Board approved the response to the quarterly NASBA Regional Directors' Focus Questions.

Mr. Biggs and Ms. Brown moved and the Board approved the response to the Exposure Draft on the *Proposed Changes to the AICPA Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews*.

**REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE:** Mr. Womble moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

<u>Case No. C2013213 - Barrow, Parris, & Davenport, P.A.</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix I).

<u>Case No. C2015163 - Rosenthal & Kaplan, P.C.</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix II).

<u>Case No. C2016037 - Angela D. Elliott, CPA</u> - Approved the signed Consent Order (Appendix III).

<u>Case No. C2016097 - John C. Sherrill, Jr.</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix IV).

<u>Case No. C2016110 - Suzanne M. Martin, CPA</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix V).

<u>Case No. C2015307</u> – Close the case without prejudice.

Case No. C2016019 - Close the case without prejudice and with a Letter of Warning.

Case No. C2016122 - Close the case without prejudice.

**REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Mr. Biggs moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

**Transfer of Grades Applications -** The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

Patrick Carroll Duffy Patrick Anthony George James Harshaw Lane, III Jacob Allen Miller

**Original Certificate Applications** - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

Severino Michael Alvarez Jordan Fisher August Nathan Todd Bell Alison Irene Bilderback Chase Martin Clemens Ciera Marie Combs Kolby John Dougherty Patrick Carroll Duffy

David Lane Ferguson Elijah Emanuel Francois Patrick Anthony George Caroline Ellington Gilbert Devin Reshea Hairston Jack Lamar Haymore Blake Jordan Hetrick Justin Swanner Jordan Melissa Elizabeth Kenealy Jeramee Kyle Kerl Jeffrey Tyler Kirk James Harshaw Lane, III Madeline Heninger Leetz Kent Lewis Mackman Jacob Allen Miller Jennifer Ann Miller Leah Hope Moss

Todd Shippey Oldenburg Edward Arthur Pejeau Morgan Lea Phillips David Domingo Rodriguez Kenrick Carl Samuelson, II Adam Robert Scarboro Steven George Schulz Colby Williams Smith Daniel Charles Smith Meaghann Elizabeth Smith Natalie Carol Wiggins Smith Cameron Johnson Strubinger Brenna Johnson Stutts Samantha Lauren Wolpert Johnathan Reaves Worley Francesca Ann Zappa

Staff reviewed and recommended approval of the original application submitted by Zachary Harris Matthews. Mr. Matthews failed to disclose pertinent information with his exam application but provided it with his certificate application. Staff recommended approval of the application with a one-year probationary period. The Committee recommended that the Board approve staff recommendation.

**Reciprocal Certificate Applications** - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

Nicholas Riordan Caporale Amanda Mae Johnson Leslie Berry Steele Kristopher Michael Willis

**Temporary Permits** - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following temporary permits that were approved by the Executive Director:

Christopher John Crowe, T9327 Clayton George Brinker, T9328 Robin A. Levy, T9329 Vincent John Rodda, T9330 Cibele Rocha da Motta, T9331 Paige Nielsen Ridout, T9332 William Michael Goodeill, T9333 Rachel Lauren Radcliffe, T9334 Thomas Bryant Disney, T9335 William Mark Rudolph, T9336 Monica Hite Graham, T9337 Rebecca Chinnis Freeland, T9338 Seth Michael Sherer, T9339 Shahen Naval Gandevia, T9340 Michael Joseph Murdy, T9341 Warren Jackson Cottingham, T9342 Elizabeth Ann McCravy, T9343 Sherryl Ann Seigfreid, T9344 Alan Russell Moldof, T9345 Robert Russoniello, T9346 Joseph Alan Vano, T9355 Ellen Riley Watson, T9356 William Alan Johnson, T9357 MaryKay Hagner Davis, T9358

Alexander F. Peter, T9359
Daniel Gregory McGovern, T9360
Hunter Alcana Mason, T9361
Lisabeth Ann Carr, T9362
Jayme Lee Edin, T9363
Godswill Mhlanga, T9364
John Stevens Norris, III, T9365
David Grady Landers, T9366

**Reinstatements -** The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

Wanda Gayle Watson Casteel, #32731 Jieqin Liu, #34481 Melissa Ellen Cole Miller, #35746 Angela Coates Walsh, #19024

**Reissuance of New Certificate** - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following applications for reissuance of new certificate:

Robert David Calcutta, #14485 Joshua Landon Chambers, #37574

**Firm Registrations** - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the professional limited liability company Amelia G. Varner, CPA, PLLC that was approved by the Executive Director.

**Examinations** -The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following staff-approved applicants to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination:

Matthew Albert
Catherine Albury
Megan Aleshire
Naida Aliyeva
Kathrynne Anna
Lauren Appleton
Alana Ayala
Alexander Bacon
David Badger
James Badgett
Shahin Bahadori
Christine Barnes
Timothy Baynes
Kyra Beam

Laura Beam
Stephen Belch
Michele Belue
Thomas Bickes
Jessica Bickett
Kirstin Bigham
Brandon Bishopp
Margaret Blanton
Christopher Bleakley
Kathleen Bowen
Jonathan Bowie
Elizabeth Bowman
Sarah Branoff
Stefenie Brinson

Michael Brittain Gregory Brown Shannon Brown Alexander Bruning Maris Bryant Meghan Burke William Burke Hanna Butler Dylan Cain Alan Cardoso Lindsay Carlisle Aleesa Carrington Ryan Carson Rashida Chang Wendy Cheek Hau Ping Cheng Shawna Christie An Thu Chu Rashaad Clavon Sara Cline Lynn Couturier Brian Crutchfield Andrew Cullinan Daniel Dapkiewicz Susan Darnell Cody Davidowski Cameron Deese Monica Deguzman Amy Dherckers Antwain Dickens Cyprian Dickson Nicole Dickson Felicia Diggs **Jordan Duffey** Kellie Earnhardt Miranda Edwards Sydney Ellis Elliott Etheridge Amanda Fair Mary Faircloth Andrew Fanning Dennis Farlow Brian Ferguson

Matthew Finney Nora Fitzgerald Sean Fitzgerald Landry Frei David Friberg Aaron Galliher John Garrett Melissa George Danielle Goldstein Thomas Graham Danez Green Samantha Greenberg Derrick Greene Joseph Greene Cynthia Grose John Gudauskas Rebecca Gurganus Monica Gutierrez **Gregory Hales** Leslie Hamilton Jaime Hare Morgan Harris **Dustin Harrison** Anna Hergenrader Taylor Heys Courtney Hickland Brian Hillsinger Daniel Hobbs Jonathan Holt Benjamin Horne Hannah Huff Noah Huffstetler Lauren Hughes Fatimatu Ingawa Kimoi James Daniel Jeffries Angela Johnson John Johnson Sarah Johnson

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Jolanda Jordan Jeffrey Joyce Brandon Kacer Harpreet Kaur Jordan Kay Paul Kearns

Christopher Kennedy Michael Kentfield Arjumand Khan Ian Klemons William Koernig Dena Konneker Ryan Kose

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Hannah Krainiak
Robin Krcelic
Katherine Lang
Andrea Lawing
Charles Lehrman
Melissa Leney
Amy Leopold
Keila Leverette
Jenna Lindeman
Jordan Loman
Matthew Long
Ernest Lookabill

Erica Love Travis Lowman Casey Maciej Allison Malone Anson Marcotte Gina Martinez India Mathis Nino Matic

Stacey Matthews
Patrick McFarland
Anna Meerovich
Jeffrey Merritt
Joshua Miller
Garrett Millsaps
Joshua Minyon
Brian Mize
Michael Moll

Johannes Moolman

Robert Moore

Corry Molter

Rodney Moore Shirley Morton Erin Mulhern Jason Murray Avala Nealy Rachel Needham Laura O'Brien Ryan O'Neal Ashley Oliver **Emilia Ortiz** Cody Owenby Alynn Parker Taylor Parks Jessie Parris **Trevor Parris** Hamel Patel Chelsea Payne Joshua Peng **Armand Perez** Marvinethia Person

Cecilia Peters Adam Phillips Charlotte Pielak Otishia Pinson James Powell

Veronika Quintana Theresa Rabbass Adline Ravnell Nandita Rawalpally

John Reid

Ashley Reynolds Theresa Richards

Kurt Richey Nora Richmond Dillon Rogers Gladis Romero Joseph Rosasco Jeremy Rosenkrans

Jessica Rosera William Ross Meghan Ruddy Mariana Samanez Lindsay Schilleman Jessica Schisler Remington Scruggs

Leah Scully
Taylor Seal
Paul Seifert
Shay Sellati
Anthony Shank

Erin Shepard Daniel Shulman

Barbora Silovska Heather Simon

Karine Simonyants

Katherine Sloat Meredith Sloboda

Caitlin Smith

Alec Smitherman

Amanda Sosebee Carson Steen

Taylor Stewart

Samantha Stoddard Nathanael Stoermann

Thao Stovesand Sarah Sullivan Steven Sumner

Carlyn Surratt

Kelly Sweeney

Qianxiang Tang

James Taylor Brandi Teat

Martrice Terry

Jamie Thornburg

Amanda Thumm

Cassandra Townsend

Jonathan Upham Corrie VanDyke Matthew Vogler Cassandra Wagner

Asia Walker
Gordon Walker
Lauren Walker
Phillip Walker
Ashley Walston
Charles Warren
Cooper Wasil
James Wax

Christina Weaver

Jared Weber William Weeks

Rachelle Westbrook Taylor Westerhof

David Whiteman

Jared Wiesehan Chelsea Wiggins

Leigh Williams Vaughn Williams

Ashley Willis
Alisia Wilson

Brittany Wilson

John Yancey William Young

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Staff recommended that the Committee determine and accept the grades received for the April – May 2016 exams. Twenty-five (25) files with grade reports were haphazardly selected and available at the meeting for review by a Board member. The Committee recommended that the Board approve staff recommendation.

**Rescind Form of Practice Statement -**Stacy Em McMichael, #33559 signed a Form of Practice Statement due to her employment. However, due to a change in the licensee's employment, staff recommended that the statement be rescinded. The Committee recommended that the Board approve staff recommendation.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Messrs. Womble and Biggs moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Attested to by:

Robert N. Brooks

**Executive Director** 

Michael H. Womble, CPA

President

# NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

# BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2013213

IN THE MATTER OF: Barrow, Parris & Davenport, P.A., Respondent Firm

**CONSENT ORDER** 

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Barrow, Parris & Davenport, P.A. (hereinafter "Respondent firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
- 2. Respondent firm was selected for a review of their governmental audit quality and compliance engagements to ensure that all work was performed in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards ("GAGAS") and OMB Circular A-133.
- 3. The audit report reviews noted some deficiencies that required enhancement of the audit workpapers to more closely comply with professional standards and OMB Circular A-133.
- 4. The review also identified that an inordinate number of adjustments were posted, giving rise to concerns that the self-review threat for independence was implicated.
- 5. Respondent firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondent firm understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. Respondent firm is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Respondent firm's failure to perform audit engagements in accordance with all applicable standards constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0403 and .0409.
- 3. By virtue of Respondent firm's consent to this order, Respondent firm is subject to the following.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent firm agree to the following Order:

- 1. Each of Respondent firm's professional staff participating in performing audit services shall take a minimum of eight (8) hours of continuing professional education ("CPE") in the subject area of Audit Documentation. The CPE must be completed prior to September 30, 2016. The aforementioned CPE may be counted towards their annual required forty (40) hours of CPE. Respondent Firm shall provide evidence to the Board of completion of this requirement; and
- 2. The respondent firm shall submit an engagement to the Board for post-issuance review. In furtherance of that review, the Respondent firm shall provide the Board with the audit report and workpapers for a single audit engagement for an audit period ending June 30, 2015. The engagement to be reviewed will be mutually agreed upon by the Respondent firm and the Board staff.

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3. If the result of the post-issuance review is not satisfactory to the Board, it may require additional pre-issuance reviews to be performed on future engagements.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE 15 DAY OF August, 20  Jan A. Parin, CPA  Individual authorized to sign on behalf of Respondent First	
APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 19 DAY OF September 2016. NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS	ر ED
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NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

### BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2015163

IN THE MATTER OF: Rosenthal & Kaplin, P.C., Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Rosenthal & Kaplin, P.C. (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), has a principal place of business outside of North Carolina and has no office in North Carolina. Respondent Firm is not a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
- 2. Respondent Firm performed multiple audits of retirement plans sponsored in North Carolina ("ERISA audits").
- 3. The North Carolina Accountancy Act, at N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c)(3), requires firms to provide notice without a fee to the Board prior to performing financial statement audits or other engagements performed in accordance with the Statements on Auditing Standards. The members or partners of Respondent Firm were unaware of the notice requirement.
- 4. Respondent Firm did not provide the Board with a Notification of Intent to Practice ("Notice") prior to performing the ERISA audits.
- 5. Respondent Firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondent Firm understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.
  - BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:
- Respondent Firm is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.

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- 2. By exercising the practice privilege afforded by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c) of the Accountancy Act, Respondent Firm consented to comply with the laws of this State and to be subject to the jurisdiction and disciplinary authority of the Board.
- 3. Respondent Firm's failure to comply with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c) of the Accountancy Act as set out above constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
- 4. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of Respondent Firm's consent to this order, Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent Firm agree to the following Order:

- 1. Respondent Firm shall remit, with this signed Order, a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) civil penalty.
- 2. Respondent Firm shall remit, with this signed Order, a five hundred dollar (\$500) payment for administrative costs.

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NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

# BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2016037

IN THE MATTER OF: Angela D. Elliott, CPA, #13353 Respondent CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Angela D. Elliott, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 13353 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. The Board received a complaint against the Respondent from one of her prior tax clients ("Complainant").
- 3. The Complainant alleged that, after termination of the Respondent's services, the Complainant requested that the Respondent provide her records to her new CPA.
- 4. After numerous unsuccessful requests that the Respondent provide the records to her new CPA, the Complainant filed a complaint with the Board.
- 5. The Respondent stated that she would provide the records as requested. However, after several communications from the Board staff, the Respondent still had not provided the new CPA with the Complainant's records.
- 6. The Respondent ultimately provided the Complainant with the requested records. The records were supplied after three (3) months had elapsed since the filing of the complaint.
- 7. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to Review OF

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and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. The Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Per 21 NCAC 08N .0305(a) client records must be returned upon demand of a client, to wit:

Return Upon Demand. A CPA shall return client records in his or her possession to the client after a demand is made for their return. The records shall be returned upon demand unless circumstances make some delay reasonable in order to retrieve a closed file or to extract the CPA's work papers described in Paragraph (f) of this Rule. If the records cannot be returned upon demand, the CPA shall immediately notify the client of the date the records will be returned. Nothing in this Rule shall be interpreted to require a CPA to pay delivery costs when the records are returned to the client.

- 3. The Board concludes that an unreasonable amount of time elapsed before the Complainant's records were provided.
- 4. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

- 1. The Respondent, Angela D. Elliott, CPA, is censured.
- 2. The Respondent shall remit, with this signed Consent Order, a civil penalty in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for failure to timely provide client records upon demand.

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BY: President

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

# BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #C2016097

IN THE MATTER OF: John Charles Sherrill, Jr., #19442 Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. The Respondent was the holder of North Carolina certificate number 19442 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. The Respondent informed the Board on his 2015-2016 individual certificate Renewal ("Renewal") that between January 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, he had obtained the requisite forty (40) hours of continuing professional education ("CPE") to meet the 2014 CPE requirements.
- 3. Based on the Respondent's representation, the Board accepted his Renewal.
- 4. The Board staff requested that the Respondent provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet his 2014 requirements.
- 5. The Respondent provided proof of his base forty (40) hours of CPE but was unable to provide documentation of at least two (2) hours of ethics from a sponsor registered with NASBA that he earned between January 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, to meet the 2014 ethics CPE requirement.
- 6. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

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BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. The Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. The Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), and .0202(b)(4).
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondent agree to the following Order:

- 1. The Respondent's failure to provide adequate documentation of CPE renders the Renewal insufficient and untimely. The Respondent's failure to adequately renew his certificate results in an automatic forfeiture pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(15).
- 2. The Respondent must return his certificate to the Board within fifteen (15) days of his receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of this Consent Order.
- 3. The Respondent may apply for the reissuance of his certificate after one (1) year from the date the Board approves this Consent Order as long as the civil penalty required in number five (5) of this Order has been timely received by the Board.
- 4. The Respondent may apply to return his certificate to active status by submission and approval of a reissuance application which includes:
  - a. Application form,
  - b. Payment of the application fee,
  - c. Three (3) moral character affidavits, and
  - d. Forty (40) hours of CPE in the twelve (12) months preceding the application including an eight (8) hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs in a group-study format.

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- 5. The Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) civil penalty, to be remitted to the Board prior to submitting a reissuance application.
- 6. The Respondent agrees that failure to timely comply with any terms of this agreement and Consent Order shall be deemed sufficient grounds for revocation of his certificate.

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NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

### BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #C2016110

IN THE MATTER OF: Suzanne M. Martin, CPA, #25527 Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Respondent is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 25527 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. Respondent informed the Board on her 2015-2016 individual certificate renewal ("Renewal") that between January 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, she had obtained the requisite forty (40) hours of continuing professional education ("CPE") to meet the 2014 CPE requirements.
- 3. Based on Respondent's representation, the Board accepted her Renewal.
- 4. Board staff requested that Respondent provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet her 2014 and 2015 requirements.
- 5. Respondent provided proof of her base forty (40) hours of CPE. The Respondent did not provide documentation to substantiate completion of at least two (2) hours of ethics from a sponsor registered with either NASBA or the Board that she earned between January 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016.
- 6. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), and .0202(b)(4).
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of Respondent's consent to this order, Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

- 1. Respondent's failure to provide adequate documentation of CPE renders the Renewal insufficient and untimely. Respondent's failure to adequately renew her certificate results in an automatic forfeiture pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(15).
- 2. Respondent must return her certificate to the Board within fifteen (15) days of her receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of this Consent Order.
- 3. Respondent may apply for the reissuance of her certificate after one (1) year from the date the Board approves this Consent Order as long as the civil penalty required in number five (5) of this Order has been timely received by the Board.
- 4. Respondent may apply to return her certificate to active status by submission and approval of a reissuance application which includes:
  - a. Application form,
  - b. Payment of the application fee,
  - c. Three (3) moral character affidavits, and
  - d. Forty (40) hours of CPE in the twelve (12) months preceding the application including an eight (8) hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs in a group-study format.

- 5. Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) civil penalty, to be remitted to the Board prior to submitting a reissuance application.
- 6. Respondent agrees that failure to timely comply with any terms of this agreement and Consent Order shall be deemed sufficient grounds for revocation of her certificate.

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